Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving
Good and gracious heavenly Father, we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ. Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love. Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you. You are God for all. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.
Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Jn 20:1-9

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Cycle A

Gospel Summary:

"Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed." The two Marys were in for a surprise. They had come, as usual, to do the ritual anointing of their dear friend's body. But on their arrival, not only was there an earthquake, there was also an angel whose "appearance was like lightning" and whose "clothing was white as snow." The brave guards were so scared they "became like dead men," but the women managed to stay on their feet and hear the words of the angel. Guess what! Jesus isn't here. He's been raised from the dead. Now go share the good news! No wonder these women were feeling a mixture of emotions! They were frightened by these incredible supernatural events, but overjoyed that Jesus was alive again. Just imagine their joy when "Jesus met them on their way," and they were able to embrace him and worship him. What a day! Now, we too join in the celebration of this day of all days. Every Easter, we recall these glorious events, but we do more than just remember. We also rejoice that our Lord is alive right now, that death and sin have been conquered forever, that the gates of heaven are open for us. The joy of Easter is not a nostalgic kind of happiness that only looks backwards. It is instead a call to rejoice in the gifts that we can enjoy today and in eternity. We may not have seen the angel, felt the earthquake, or kissed the feet of the risen Lord, but we are nonetheless the beneficiaries of this momentous event. We are an Easter people, a people in the hands of a loving God whose power can overcome all the terrible threats and trials of existence with the amazing gift of eternal life.

Question of the Week:

How can you show this week that you truly believe in the Resurrection of Jesus?

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 22nd & 23rd

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Greeters: Please feel free to welcome your fellow parishioners at the Mass you are attending. Thank you for your ministry!

All Ministers: Always check the website at www.qwchurch.com for any last minute changes to the ministers schedule. It is the most up to date for the schedule!

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

May 9  Queen of the World Church 834-4701
June 1  St. Mary’s Church 781-1019

Reservations must be made to attend these sessions. Please make your reservations at the church you wish to attend.

VOCATION CALENDAR  Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.

17th  Anne Riddle, Donna & Clate Aunkst, Larry Wheeler
18th  Babe Horchen, Mary Ann Facetti, Ruth Wendel
19th  Tara Vavala, Susan Jaynes, Maureen Newman
20th  Helen & John DaCanal
21st  Donna, Sara & Rachel Keller
22nd  Marian Viglione, Don Schneider
23rd  Dick Straub, John & Char Nicklas, Tom Clark

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
A Weekend of Discovery, a Lifetime of Love!
Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Not a retreat or marriage clinic, but a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage with emphasis on communication. A weekend will be held in Erie, PA the weekend of June 23-25, 2017. For more information / dates or to make a reservation, call 814-823-4600 or 412-635-7775. Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day!

Dear Parishioners of Queen of the World Church,
On behalf of Community Nurses Hospice, thank you to the parishioners of the St. Marys Catholic Churches for their generous donation of $5,502 to the Lenten Works of Mercy Fund restricted for use to Camp Flutterbye. Your generous donation to Camp Flutterbye will provide campers with the tools they need to effectively cope with the grief and loss of a loved one. Again, thank you all for the generous donations.

Community Nurses, Inc.

The Christian Food Bank also thanks parishioners for their generous money and food donations through the Lenten Works of Mercy! Now the Food Bank can continue their mission here among our friends in need because of your kind and faithful support. Thank you and God bless you!

Christian Food Bank
Board of Directors

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHURCH MINISTRY
A ministry you can do at home? The parish is in need of persons willing to help with the cleaning & ironing of the purificators. If you think this is something you could / would be willing to do, please contact Mary Ann in the parish office at 834-4701. Think about it!!

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

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INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

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PARISH CARE AND CONCERN PRAYER CHAIN
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Sunday, April 23, 2017 Community Mass, Life Teen & Middle School classes will be held. Parents and teens are always invited to join in for the Mass. Contact Meredith at: mmb2391@mac.com or 512-3112 for info on Life Teen or go online to: www.disciples.life.

The last Community Mass will be held April 30.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA
For girls age 10 and older and their mothers will be held on Sat., April 22nd from 11:45 am to 2:00 pm at St. Leo Parish Social Hall, Ridgway. Plan to attend this special event that brings mothers and their daughters together to talk about things like communication, love and human sexuality. Any questions, call Kate at (814) 824-1259 or 1-800-374-3723 or visit www.eviercd.org/nfp-tea.htm. Registration is required.

FAMILY HONOR
Will be presenting Real Love & Real Life, a chastity program series at ECCHS on Mondays, April 24, May 1, 8, 2017. Real Love & Real Life is for parents with your 7th or 8th grade son or daughter. This program discusses topics all teens are facing: peer pressure, avoiding risky behaviors, effective family communication, etc. This is an incredible opportunity to spend quality time with your teen, and open the door to communication on some really important issues. To register or for more information about this program, call Laurey Kraus at 781-6746.

FIRST EUCHARIST BREAKFAST HELP NEEDED!
Would you be available to help set up, serve or clean up for the families of the First Eucharist class breakfast? Set up is needed on the evening of May 4th and serving/clean up help is needed on May 5th. If you would like to be part of this welcoming ministry to celebrate our First Communion Class, call Mary Ann in the Parish Office - 834-4701. Thank You!

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — As we celebrate Christ’s victory over death, let us pledge ourselves more fervently to battle the Culture of Death that threatens the very moral foundations of our society. Christ came that we might have life and have it more abundantly, not so that some might take away the gift of life from defenseless others. The new life given to us by Christ’s death and resurrection is a gift beyond our comprehension. So also the tiny new life in a woman’s womb is an incomparable gift from God which we are asked to welcome rather than rejecting the gift, saying in effect, “return to sender.”

Our parish is approaching our Diocesan Assessment of $92,000 for this year’s Catholic Services Appeal. Once we reach this goal, all money pledged and received will stay here at Queen of the World to help us meet our own goals and responsibilities. Those who have not yet pledged will soon be receiving a reminder letter. Please be part of our parish family in this regard and join us in taking care of the mission and ministry of the Church. Thank you to those who have already pledged.

Easter Meditation
The Lord’s Resurrection gives us beautiful Christian symbolism. Of the various symbols of life after death, two taken from the animal kingdom are especially noteworthy—the peacock and the phoenix.

The peacock, frequently found in ancient Christian paintings, represents the immortality of future life. At times the peacock is pictured as picking at grapes. In these instances the symbol is Eucharistic, since the Eucharist contains and bestows immortality.

The symbolism attached to the phoenix is likewise derived from paganism. As the legend goes, the phoenix bird senses that his course of life is almost ended. He selects the highest palm tree in Phoenicia and builds there a nest to serve as a grave. The Phoenix is to die only in order that he might live and create himself anew. Therefore he gathers the finest spices of every land, lays himself to rest, and dies. The carcass, being set on fire by the sun’s heat, generates life as it burns to ashes. In these ashes is the germ of new life. Soon there comes forth a chrysalis which, transforming itself like the caterpillar into a butterfly, becomes a phoenix and prepares to fly home in newborn beauty. From this myth ancient Christian art has obtained its favorite symbol for the resurrection of the body to eternal life.

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Dear Parishioners,

As a new pastor to you, I pray that our first Easter weekend and Easter season will be a source of grace for all of us. Much goes on in the Easter season - Sacraments of Initiation such as Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist. There are also special devotions, such as the Easter Vigil. There are end of the school year activities for our young people. Weddings are celebrated. All the while, we immerse ourselves in prayers of rejoicing. For most of us, Easter is a reminder of our own Baptism. From that first moment of grace, many blessings spring forth. We were brought into God’s family. We were incorporated into the Dying and Rising of Jesus. We were cleansed and called to serve. Do not let your “Easter” be limited to an hour or so at Mass today. For the next 50 days, we will continue to celebrate that “He is among the Living.” We speak of Easter’s gift of Peace. But we know that our fractured world, our fractured families, our fractured hearts are not at Peace unless we accept the blessings of God which gush forth from the Font of Life. A little dab in the water just doesn’t do it. Come to the Lord, as Isaiah once said. In your thirst, come to the Water. In your hunger, come to the Table. In your weakness, come to the throne of Mercy. May all that is dying is us, may our hearts be not at Peace unless we accept the blessings of God which gush forth from the Font of Life. A little grace, many blessings spring forth. We were brought into God’s family. We were incorporated into the Dying and Rising of Jesus. We were cleansed and called to serve. Do not let your “Easter” be limited to an hour or so at Mass today. For the next 50 days, we will continue to celebrate that “He is among the Living.” We speak of Easter’s gift of Peace. But we know that our fractured world, our fractured families, our fractured hearts are not at Peace unless we accept the blessings of God which gush forth from the Font of Life. A little dab in the water just doesn’t do it. Come to the Lord, as Isaiah once said. In your thirst, come to the Water. In your hunger, come to the Table. In your weakness, come to the throne of Mercy. May all that is dying is us, and all that has died, be brought to New Life in Christ. Peace be with you! - fr. jeff

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Tom Auman and Lou Pesce who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, as well as parishioner Hayley McClain, who was Confirmed at the Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart with the RCIA group. As they complete their Initiation in the faith, we pray that God will bless them, and we thank God for their witness of faith.

THANK YOU!

The liturgies and church environment for Holy Week and Easter as well as the ministries during the liturgies were taken care of by several people who step forward to do their part, giving of their time, talent, and treasure. Thanks to all of you for making these days more prayerful.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Monday - Parish Office closed
- Monday, 7:00 am - Scripture & Communion Service
- Tuesday, 7:00 am - Scripture & Communion Service
- Thursday, 7:30 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thursday, 6:30 pm - Evening Prayer & Benediction
- Sunday, April 23rd - 10:00 am Mass - Men’s Cursillo Choir will be singing.

HAPPY EASTER

On behalf of Fr. Jeff and all you parish staff, we wish you and your family a joyous Easter day and season. May the Risen Lord shower you with great blessings!

Please note the abbreviated Mass and office schedule this week so that our staff might also enjoy some time with their families.

FR. DANIEL WOLFEL, O.S.B.

On the weekend of April 29-30, our community wishes Fr. Daniel well as he takes his leave from us. He plans to celebrate Mass with us on Saturday (April 29) at 5 pm. He will also have Mass at one or both of the other parishes. After the 11 am Mass at Sacred Heart, we will all have the opportunity to greet him and thank him at a reception in their Social Center. God bless him in his new phase of life and ministry. (We are taking our queue from the Benedictines, who are not calling this “retirement!”) Congratulations and thank you, Fr. Dan!

DIVING MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Diving Mercy Sunday. Sacred Heart Church will host special devotions for this Second Sunday of Easter.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to our High School Junio5rs on Saturday, April 29 at a special liturgy set to begin at 11:00 am with Bishop Persico. Please keep them in your prayers, that the Holy Spirit will guide them at this special time in their lives.

EASTER WATER

Please help yourself to the Easter Water at the Font or in the container in the back of Church. Use the containers we provide or bring your own from home. Bless your home and your family with the Holy Water that refreshes us in the grace of the Lord.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, April 17th
Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 18th
Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 19th

Thursday, April 20th
Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 21st

Saturday, April 22nd
Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 23rd - Divine Mercy Sunday